

Chicopee Register

COMMUNITY

Residents rally against potential distribution center on Fuller Road

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE — Several Chicopee residents are rallying against the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation. WMDC, a quasi-public non-profit, is working arduously to transform a 57.4-acre parcel of forested, residential land into an industrial zone — an act that would destroy wildlife and a neighborhood’s tranquility in the process.

To the dismay of abutters and local elected officials, WMDC refuses to divulge its plans for the property at 0 Fuller Road, although many residents have said they suspect Amazon is interested in purchasing the site to construct a large distribution center that would utilize nighttime aviation to and from the nearby Westover Air Reserve Base.

In February, the Zoning Committee submitted an unfavorable report, pertaining to the requested zoning change. On March 3, Chicopee City Council upheld the report and rejected the applicant’s attempt to withdraw its request, preventing WMDC from developing the property for the foreseeable future.

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The property that sits between Chicopee’s Slate Road neighborhood and Chicopee Memorial State Park could one day become a large-scale distribution center, but not if residents and the City Council can prevent property owner Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation from completing a zone change.



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COMMUNITY

Celebrating the luck of the Irish: St. Patrick’s Day in Chicopee

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE — On Wednesday morning, Mayor John Vieau declared March 17 as St. Patrick’s Day in the city of Chicopee. An Irish flag-raising ceremony ensued in front of City Hall on Springfield Street as residents, elected officials and municipal employees celebrated the luck of the Irish.

“It has been said that we all are Irish for the day, but in Western Mass., I think we’re Irish for about a week. It’s not just a day,” Vieau said.

Chicopee Polish National Credit Union President and CEO James Kelly took to a makeshift podium to offer his perspective on the day’s significance.

Kelly, who is currently serving as the Chicopee St. Patrick’s Committee Parade Marshal, shed light on his Irish heritage and thanked the employees at PNCU.

“Many of them remind me of my great, great grandfather Patrick Kelly. He left his native land, risked everything, and we have people who fit that



[L to R] Bagpiper Roger Bernier, City Treasurer Marie Laflamme, Colleen Sophie Warren, Grand Colleen Ava Baron, Mayor John Vieau, Colleen Meghan Kalbaugh, Colleen Karoline Kraus and Colleen Caitlin Mogilka pose outside of City Hall on St. Patrick’s Day.

description who are employees. They’ve certainly made Chicopee a better place,” said Kelly.

Vieau credited Bobbi Mabb, his communication and special projects manager, for coordinating Wednesday’s event. Kelly subsequently thanked Vieau for leading the activity and shared a fond story before stepping aside.

“I want to leave you on a

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COMMUNITY

Chicopee could receive \$30-40 million in federal funds

Mayor John Vieau hopes vaccinations will begin at municipal clinics soon

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE — Chicopee Mayor John Vieau delivered mixed news when addressing the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic during his March 16 briefing.

Vieau said the state still lacks an adequate amount of COVID-19 vaccines, but expressed optimism that the city could receive a large payday as a result of President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan.

“This is important because it’s never happened in our lifetime,” said Vieau. “This relief package will benefit every American and, frankly, will include the city of Chicopee. We’re very fortunate to hear that we may be

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Colleens take in the sun at Big E reverse car parade



[L to R] The Chicopee Colleen Court made the most of its appearance at the Big E last Saturday. Pictured are Meghan Kalbaugh, Karoline Kraus, Grand Colleen Ava Baron, Sophie Warren and Caitlin Mogilka.



During a reverse car parade at the Big E on March 13, the Chicopee Colleen Court waves to supporters passing by.

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Chicopee Colleen Court enjoyed its moment under the sun last Saturday at the Easter States Exposition fairgrounds in West Springfield.

On one of the nicest days of the year so far, Colleens from numerous communities stood along the Avenue of States, waving to dozen of vehicles passing by.

“I’m glad we get to connect again; we hadn’t seen each other in a long time,” said Chicopee Colleen Karoline Kraus. “It’s really nice to be out in the community and see everyone smiling as they drive by.”

On March 13, the Chicopee Colleens participated in a reverse drive-by parade that also included young women from Agawam, Holyoke, South Hadley, Springfield and West Springfield.

Last weekend’s parade was held nearly one year after the 2020 Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day was canceled due to COVID-19. This year’s parade was also canceled, preventing Chicopee’s current court from participating in the revered tradition.

The March 13 reverse parade was the first of its kind. The Colleens who arrived at the Big E last Saturday made history of their own – a reality that was fully embraced Chicopee Grand Colleen Ava Baron.



Colleens from Chicopee, South Hadley and Holyoke wave to vehicles amid the familiar backdrop of the Big E in West Springfield.

“The unconventional aspect of it all, I think we’ve really taken to. We’ve really persevered through everything with the pandemic,” said Baron. “We’re also trying to stay safe, and as long as everyone’s wearing their masks and staying healthy, I think it’s amazing we were able to go through with this.”

Residents, who attended the March 13 parade were encouraged to donate canned, non-perishable food items, which will be distributed among the participating communities. Chicopee Colleen Megan Kalbaugh recognized the significance of the can drive.

“We all truly feel like we’re making a difference in the community. I’m hoping that today we’ll have gathered many, many donations,” said Kalbaugh. “It’s amazing,

I’m surrounded by four of the most wonderful young women. Also, seeing all of the other courts is awesome as well.”

Many of the supporters who attended the parade decorated their vehicles with green balloons and other St. Patrick’s Day-themed items. Chicopee Colleen Caitlin Mogilka appreciated the enthusiasm that was displayed by those who traveled to West Springfield for the occasion.

“There’s a lot of smiling faces and good energy,” said Mogilka. “We’ve seen so many cars decorated and having the St. Patrick’s Day spirit. It’s really exciting to see people coming through who would normally be watching us in the parade. We get to be here for them.”

Chicopee Colleen Sophie Warren enjoyed the opportunity to interact with



Members of the Chicopee Colleen took advantage of an opportunity to socialize under the sun during a reverse car parade in West Springfield last Saturday.

her fellow court members, young women from other communities and the families who participated. She took great pride in the charitable endeavors that the initiative supported was happy about the day’s beautiful weather.

“You can say that we literally have the luck of the Irish today because it’s beautiful outside. It hasn’t been like this in forever and I’m super grateful that we get to be out here in this great weather that we have right now,” said Warren. “I do hope that this can carry over into future years, because this is the first time we’ve ever done this [reverse parade]. It’s bringing everyone together.”

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Western New England University students welcomed into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – Over 80 students from the Western New England University College of Arts & Sciences were welcomed into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society in a virtual induction ceremony held on March 5.

Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes the best and brightest members of the nation’s first-year college students. The mission of the Society is to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals in society. Students in Alpha Lambda Delta must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 after their first semester of full-time enrollment.

University President Dr. Robert E. Johnson, Interim Provost Dr. Curt Hamakawa, and Vice President for Student Affairs Kerri Jarzabski joined with the Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, and College of Engineering in awarding certificates to new inductees, who recited the Alpha Lambda Delta pledge:

“I pledge myself to accept membership in Alpha Lambda Delta with the un-

derstanding that in doing so I accept the responsibility of maintaining its standards of Service, of Industry and of Integrity. I shall do all in my power to maintain high scholarship throughout my life and to use my education always, for the benefit of the Community, my Nation, and the World in which we live. In this spirit I accept the membership into Alpha Lambda Delta.”

The following students from the College of Arts and Sciences were inducted:

Breanna Lowery of Chicopee is working toward a BA in Political Science.

Kaitlyn Lambert of Chicopee is working toward a BS in Health Sciences.

Sarah Dziedzic of Chicopee is working toward a Pre-Pharmacy degree.

Emily Rockwal, of Chicopee, was among over 30 students from the Western New England University College of Business inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society in the virtual ceremony. Rockwal is working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Alpha Lambda Delta first-year honor society was founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois and has over 280 chapters in the United States.

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Chicopee Public Library receives CARES Act Grant

Programming will focus on Polish history and culture

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Library is pleased to announce the receipt of an IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) CARES Act Grant to provide virtual programming for distance learning, distributed to the Library through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

During the next six months, the Chicopee Library will be sharing a variety of programs related to Polish history and culture. Partners and participants will include the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts, the Polish Heritage Society in Northampton, ChicopeeTV, Bernat’s Deli, the Polish Center of Discovery

and Learning, and the Munich Haus. The library will present a mix of pre-recorded events and Zoom programming.

All of the programming information will be found at www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org and on the library’s Facebook page.

Some of the programming will include:

- a talk by local historian Steve Jendrysik about how the Polish immigrants built up Chicopee
- a discussion of the annual Pulaski Day Parade in Northampton with Bob Gibowicz
- a virtual tour of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning with or Ron Lech
- a beginner Genealogy class plus an overview of the Polish Genealogical Soci-

ety of Massachusetts (PGSMA) with Julie Szczepankiewicz

- a tour of Bernat’s Deli and description of Polish special, holiday and traditional foods with Greg Bernat
- a talk on Polish Art with Susan Urban
- a paper cutting crafting class-Polish Wycinanki with Susan Urban
- a Polish Cooking class on Zoom with chef Susan Maddox
- a Polish History talk “Poland’s-What’s That??” with Stas Radosz
- a polish cooking class with Anna Cieszkowska at the Munich Haus
- Polish stories with Marcin Marszałek
- a talk on Polish history with Dr. Patrice Dabrowski

The library looks forward to bringing the residents of Chicopee, along with the wider community, together virtually. Program participants can learn about the Polish Community now and also how the Polish community has helped build Chicopee.

The library has always been a gathering place for entertainment, education and social interaction. This grant will enable it to continue to gather the community virtually to focus upon the Polish community. “We are happy to provide social, as well as learning opportunities, for the participants,” library staff said in a statement. “We are thrilled that community members will be able to share their love of Polish culture, cooking, history and more.”

30,000 masks distributed to Chicopee schools, area service agencies



COURTESY PHOTO

Bowie School Principal Norman Burgess, Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni, and Chicopee Public Schools Superintendent Lynn Clark.

REGION – The Hampden District Attorney’s Office recently distributed 30,000 medical masks for COVID-19 prevention to area schools and human service agencies in Hampden County. The masks donation is part of a larger effort by the New England Patriots Foundation to continue providing masks to community and social service agencies that have a need.

Recently, Joshua Kraft, President of the New England Patriots Foundation, contacted Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni about the need for masks here in Hampden County. DA Gulluni, through his Community Outreach and Engagement Team, began asking local organizations if there was a need and what would make a difference. The result was a request for 30,000 masks from the New England Patriots Foundation.

“In these challenging times, my family and the Patriots Foundation are committed to providing people with a sense of security and support,” said Kraft. “We are committed to helping people maintain their lives by ensuring access to protective face masks. It’s a privilege to be able to work with our good friend DA Gulluni and to provide this donation to the many organizations in Western Mass.”

Over the past couple weeks members of the Hampden District Attorney’s Office transported the 30,000 mask from Gillette Stadium and distributed them locally.

“The New England Patriots Foundation has really stepped up and has been a substantial resource for organizations across the state to help protect some of the most vulnerable in society during this pandemic,” Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni said. “We quickly discovered there is a huge need here locally and are grateful to play a small role in assisting so many great organizations as they continue to navigate as best they can in providing critical services in a very difficult environment.”

Two of the largest recipients were the Chicopee Public Schools System and the

Center for Human Development, both receiving 7,500 mask each.

“Thank you to Joshua Kraft, President, of the New England Patriots Foundation and Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni for thinking of the Chicopee Public Schools for a generous donation of 7,500 masks,” Lynn Clark, Superintendent, Chicopee Public Schools said. “These masks will be very helpful across the district as we bring back students for in-person learning. We couldn’t be more grateful for the kindness and generosity.”

“We really appreciate this generous contribution by the New England Patriots Foundation and District Attorney Gulluni,” said Jim Goodwin, president and CEO of CHD. “It supports our dedicated and hardworking teams of caregivers as they continue to provide essential services safely during the pandemic.”

In addition to the Chicopee Public Schools and CHD, another 19 local organizations received a donation from the New England Patriots Foundation:

- Springfield Housing Authority
- Holyoke Boys & Girls Club
- New North Citizens Council
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County
- ROCA
- Key Program, Inc.
- Wayfinders
- Holyoke Pediatric Associates
- ServiceNet Sunshine Village
- Commonwealth Care Alliance
- Women Shelter Companeros
- Holyoke Health Center
- Youth & Young Adult Homeless Program
- Christian and Brian’s House
- Western Mass Network to End Homelessness
- Mason Square C-3
- Hope for Recovery Peer Recovery Center
- Gandara’s Peer Recovery, Springfield

Victim in Chicopee homicide identified

CHICOPEE – On Thursday, March 11, uniformed members of the Chicopee Police Department responded to the area of Springfield and Walton streets at approximately 11:50 p.m., after receiving multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting shots fired.

A short time later, members of the Springfield Police Department responded to the area of Springfield Street and Cunningham Street in Springfield for a single vehicle crash where a deceased victim was discovered.

Responding emergency medical personnel observed what appeared to be gunshot wounds the victim had suffered. Detectives from the Chicopee Police Department and Massachusetts

State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office were notified and an investigation continued where evidence indicated a location of a crime scene in Chicopee.

The decedent has been identified as Luis Ramos, 31, of Springfield.

This is an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Chicopee Police Department, Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office, and the Hampden District Attorney’s Office Murder Unit.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni offered his sympathies to Ramos’ family.

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4. Curved shape

7. Defunct airline

10. Beverage receptacle

11. Corporate bigwig

12. Belong to he

13. They cover cuts

15. Cost per mille

16. Walk into

19. Power-producing machine

21. Part of one's character perceived by others

23. Emotionally appealed to

24. Protected

25. Wrestling icon

26. Thailand's former name

27. Muscle weaknesses

30. Chooses

34. American film studio

35. Expression of satisfaction

36. Mythical winged horse

41. Ballplayers

45. Edible seaweed

46. Chinese politician

47. Tested for fertility

50. Glove worn with medieval armor

54. Basaltic lavas

55. Small shoaling fish

56. Surrendered

57. Taxi

59. Potato part

60. Female sheep

61. Trouble or difficulty

62. Put into service

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet

65. Type of student

CLUES DOWN

1. Frighten

2. Partner to corned beef

3. Parts

4. Agrees to a demand

5. Elected official

6. Navigator's tool

7. Relating to heat

8. Attractive

9. Wealthy US merchant

13. Engine additive

14. A passage with access only at one end

17. Midway between northeast and east

18. Cool!

20. Brazilian NBAer

22. NW Pennsylvania city

27. Young dog

28. Mimic

29. Large truck

31. The NFL's Newton

32. One and only

33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

37. Julie __, actress

38. More nourishing

39. Compound

40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle

41. Object of fear or alarm

42. ___ Ladd, actor

43. Sacred place

44. A way to express enjoyment

47. Trigonometric function

48. A team's best pitcher

49. Intersecting points

51. Roundishly shaped

52. Adam's partner

53. God of battle (Scandinavian)

58. Human hormone

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GUEST COLUMN

America rests on people doing the right thing

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

As the events of the past few months have unfolded, I have often found myself wondering what our founders would have made of it all. Impossible to know, of course, but they had plenty of insight to offer.

In particular, I keep returning to these lines from James Madison. He delivered them during the Virginia convention to ratify the Constitution, arguing that the surest safeguard against legislators and a government bent on malfeasance is the people themselves. “I go on this great republican principle, that the people will have virtue and intelligence to select men of virtue and wisdom,” he said. “Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks—no form of government can render us secure.” We depend, he said, not on the virtue of the people we elect, but of “the people who are to choose them.”

That pretty much sums it up, doesn’t it? Our country rests on the faith that we the people will do the right thing. The design of our government may be remarkable, but it does not matter nearly as much as the qualities of the American people and their capacity to make it work. If we do not step up, if we do not invest our time and energy and abilities in making the system work, it will not.

One of the remarkable aspects of the founding era was that a relative handful of people, in a country that did not even number 4 million at the time, developed a constitution with very little to go on and then made it work. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton and a few others had the skills, knowledge and insight to hammer out, debate and craft a system from the ground up, then to articulate it and persuade the political elite that this republican form of government could work.

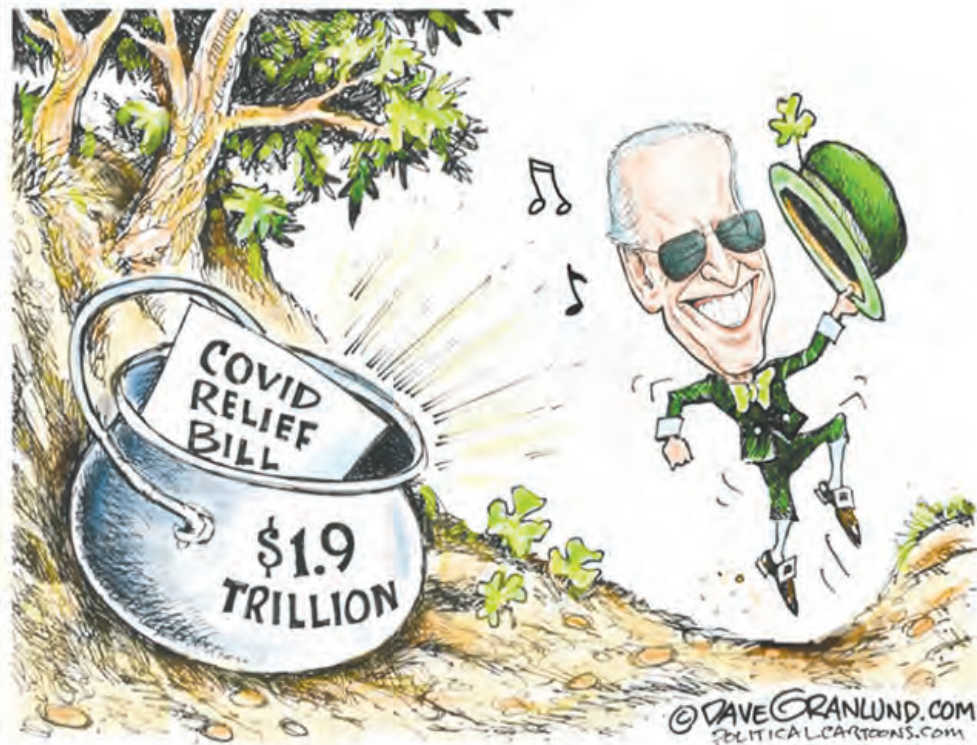
And what may have been most impressive was that they had confidence in the notion that people had the capacity to govern themselves. Yes, they hedged, both in the elaborate balance of power they built and in who actually got to vote. But they also created a system that, over the centuries, was capable of expanding the franchise and delivering a more equitable, broader voice in government because that was the idea at its core.

A key aspect of that idea, as Madison articulated, is that virtue is part of republican government. This sounds strange to say in the modern world. We tend to think of “virtue” as moral probity or honesty or integrity. Madison and the other founders had something more encompassing in mind. They thought of virtue as including a sense of civic self-sacrifice: the ability to overcome self-interest and act for the benefit of the broader community. And they expected it not just in political leaders, but in citizens themselves.

What may be most striking is that they had confidence in the American people to carry out this grand experiment and believed in the patriotism and capacity of those people to serve as protectors of civil liberties and of the due process of democracy. I could not help but think of that faith in the wake of last November’s election, as countless poll workers and elections officials in towns and cities and states around the country stoically carried on their work to the best of their ability in the face of unrelenting antagonism.

We remain in a time of great testing for the system Madison and his generation created. Though it is a remarkable constitutional design, created during a period of enormous change, turmoil and confusion, they understood that the whole thing would fail if the people lacked the capacity to make it work.

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GUEST COLUMN

The Garden Lady tackles heirloom tomatoes

Bill, a Maryland “transplant” who continues to read the Ware River News from his new home, had this question for the Garden Lady: “My son and family think I’m Mr. Green-jeans. For Christmas they gave me a pack of “exotic” tomato seeds. Unfortunately, there are some limitations to a 15-foot by 25-foot garden plot. I would like to start some nonetheless. Here is the list: Vintage Wine, Red Zebra, Chocolate Stripes and Black from Tula. All are from a seed company by the name of Urban Gardener in Indiana. Should I bother with these?”

Wow! You posed a wonderful question, Bill, and I am sure that the title of Mr. Green-jeans must have been earned somewhere down the line to warrant such a unique gift. I assumed that with names as poetic as these, you had been given a collection of heirloom tomato seeds. I was fascinated to learn, however, that while all of these varieties are open pollinated, not all are heirloom. What is the difference?

When I consider what the definition of an heirloom is, images of grandma’s china or brooch come to mind, or in my personal case, babci’s water pitcher. To accurately put it into words, an heirloom is something that has been carefully passed down through the generations of a family. The same holds for heirloom plants. They aren’t here by chance, typically. Someone took the time to care for them and save the seeds of their best fruits or flowers so that they could be preserved and shared with others. To be able to save your own seed true to type, the plants need to be open pollinated, which heirlooms are. Here, pollination occurs naturally by bees, insects, animals, careful humans or the wind and the rain. Hybrids are a whole different story, whereby two plants were cross pollinated hoping to pass on specific genetic traits. The result, the third plant, is not stable. If its seeds are saved it is likely you will end up with a fruit or flower that resembles one of the parent plants.

Saving the seeds of open pollinated tomatoes is the perfect first attempt for novice seed savers. They are self-pollinating and will produce offspring true to the parent plant without having to isolate them from other tomato varieties. Other plants can be tricky, say corn,



for example, which needs to be kept separate from other corn by miles to produce seed that is true to type. My first experience with heirloom tomatoes was in my early years at Old Sturbridge Village, where we grew tiny Yellow Pear, for awhile the pinkish Brandywine, and now the uniquely lobed Large Red. I remember my co-worker analyzing which Large Red tomato matched the descriptions from the mid-19th

century and choosing to save the seeds of the most authentic looking fruit, thereby passing on accurate genetic traits to future crops. Neat stuff!

It was fun to read that the scarlet color of most modern day tomatoes was actually a gene mutation that breeders discovered and bred into fruits so that they would ripen evenly. Many champions of the heirloom tomato movement argue that this was at the expense of flavor. So Bill, you have a unique opportunity to experience Vintage Wine, a whopper of a tomato, with some of the pink, striped golden fruits weighing over a pound.

Also the oh so sweet Russian heirloom Black from Tula, another large fruit that is deep purple with green shoulders sometimes described as “the ugliest, most delicious tomato ever grown.” The more recent chance discovery, Red Zebra, is a beautiful cherry-red with yellow-orange stripes and a sweet, yet tart tomato flavor. How about Chocolate Stripe, a three to four-inch, exceptionally yummy mahogany colored tomato with olive striping that produces over a long period, taking third place winner for taste at the annual TomatoFest.

So yes, bother with these, enjoy complexities of flavor not found in the average red tomato and save the seed for those you like. I’d love to hear all about it!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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Florence Bank unveils third Hampden County branch

Chicopee location to open March 22, ribbon cutting slated for May 5

CHICOPEE—Florence Bank will open its third Hampden County branch at 705 Memorial Drive in Chicopee on March 22, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is slated for May 5.

“We’re very pleased to be expanding our presence in Hampden County,” said Kevin R. Day, Florence Bank’s president and CEO. “Our focus is on providing great customer service and helping to reinvigorate the community.”

A small number of bank employees, board members and corporators will be present for the in-person, socially distanced, ribbon cutting, along with Chicopee Mayor John L. Vieau.

The Chicopee branch has an open floor plan with two teller pods and innovative technology for quick cash handling. The location will also feature a drive-up ATM with SMART technology for easy depositing.



Kimberly Downing of Wilbraham will serve as assistant vice president / branch manager for the new location. “Florence Bank is known for providing exceptional customer service, so of course

I’m thrilled to be part of the team and represent the Florence Bank brand for people in Chicopee,” she said.

Downing attended Holyoke Community College and has 35 years of banking experience. She will manage the daily operations and growth of the branch. She serves as a committee member for McDonald’s Nature Preserve in Wilbraham.

Day said, “We are happy Kimberly chose to join the Florence Bank team. Her extensive banking experience and dedication to customer service will serve the Chicopee community well.”

Other employees who will staff the new location are Diane Afonso, assistant

Scholarships from Chase, Clarke, Stewart & Fontana Insurance Agency

REGION – Chase, Clarke, Stewart & Fontana Insurance Agency, located in Springfield, is currently accepting applications for its 2021 ChaseIns & Ray Beattie Scholarship Awards. Two participat-

ing high school seniors will be awarded a \$1,000 each.

To view the scholarship requirements, visit www.chaseins.com. The deadline for recipients to apply is May 1.

Zoom Tai Chi with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Tai Chi with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Experience the many slow and gentle benefits of Tai Chi Fit/Qigong. The class is led by Michelle Zemba LMT, Certified in Tai Chi/Qigong. This is an online class. The Zoom link will be

shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please call RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Please save the link as this will be the link you will use for each class.

Gentle exercise with Ryan via Zoom

CHICOPEE- The Council on Aging offers “Gentle Exercise with Ryan” Via Zoom, Mondays and Fridays at 12 p.m.

This class focuses on functional movement & fun. This is an online class. Join Ryan every Monday and Friday at 12 p.m. The Zoom link is

shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please contact RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be emailed to you. Please save the Zoom link as that is the link you will use each class.

Zoom Meditation with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Meditation with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 12 p.m.

Are you feeling stressed? Do you want to learn how to relax? Join us for Meditation on Zoom. This class is led by Michelle Zemba LMT. This is an

online class. The Zoom link will be shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please call RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Please save the link as this will be the link you will use for each class.

Tuesday yoga at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging will be offering Zoom Yoga on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Caitlin Lavin, Certified Yoga In-

structor, will be leading classes. These classes are free and the Zoom links are available on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page or by calling (413) 534-3698.

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“I’m against allowing them to withdraw this evening,” said Ward 6 City Counselor Derek Dobosz, who has led the charge against WMDC’s requests. “At the public hearing, we had dozens of residents both in-person and on Zoom, who came out against this issue. We were handed a petition with over 300 signatures – 100% of residential abutters opposed it. It’s not fair to make all these people come to multiple public hearings.”

WMDC did not send a representative to the Zoning Committee meeting that Dobosz referred to, as the entity instead participated via Zoom. While WMDC cited COVID-19 concerns for its physical absence, the Chicopee City Council was not enthused.

Councilor-at-Large James Tillitson said it was one of the first times that he’s ever seen “a major producer of a project not come in with graphs and charts and diagrams to answer questions,” adding that WMDC’s Zoom presentation “was terrible; I could hardly understand what they were saying.”

Ward 3 City Councilor Lucjan Galecki added, “If they wanted to move this project along, they would have shown up to the meeting and followed COVID protocols like everyone else.”

Prior to the March 3 meeting, several dozen residents spoke publicly against WMDC, which controversially purchased the forested parcel from the city in 2009 for \$1.45 million

Attorney Kathleen Bernando, representing WMDC, shamed the Zoning Committee for “basing its decision not on facts or a proposed plan but upon rumor, conjecture, false truths and emotional pleas of property owners who want to continue illegally using private property for their own recreation.”

WMDC has provided the public with few facts over the past year and even less information pertaining to the future of the parcel. WMDC lists only \$3 million in land assets on their IRS tax filings while owning hundreds of acres of Chicopee

land.

Among numerous angered elected officials, Ward 7 City Councilor William Courchesne clapped back at Bernando’s allegations.

“The applicant said that we aren’t listening to facts and that we were listening to the people’s feelings and what they wanted,” said Courchesne. “Well, isn’t that what we were elected for? Your point is moot. We are here for facts, but we have to listen to the people who are affected by it and do what’s good for them, not just us.”

WMDC claims that it is illegal for individuals to access the property, but dozens of residents hike, run and walk their dogs on the parcel on a daily basis. Few, if any, visible signs exist on the property, warning residents against trespassing.

An array of wildlife and plant species exist on the parcel, the majority of which would likely be wiped out if a large developer clears the forest and constructions a large distribution site. Conservation was at the center of the March 3 conversation.

“The land is gorgeous and never should have been sold,” said Dobosz. “I understand that they say people are trespassing when they use it for recreation, but there’s no signs or fences. It’s been like this for decades. This land should be used for recreation and conservation.”

During its February meeting, the Zoning Committee cited four reasons for denying the zoning change request. The board noted that the proposed zone change would create nuisance due to air and water pollution, flood, noise, dust vibration, lights and other visually offensive structures and accessories.

Additionally, the committee stated that the change would cause substantial inconvenience or hazard to abutters, vehicles and pedestrians and introduce inconvenient and unsafe vehicular and pedestrian movement in relation to adjacent streets.

Lastly, the committee cited the unanimous opposition stemming from the property’s abutters and other individuals

residing in the proximity of Slate Road.

“How often do we have 100% of residential abutters opposing something, as well as hundreds of signatures and dozens of residents coming to two meetings? I want to thank my colleagues and the residents for their continued efforts,” said Dobosz.

Even prior to the council’s rulings, Bernando was less than thrilled with its actions, as she continuously alleged Chicopee’s elected officials of treating WMDC unfairly. Dobosz was clearly upset by Bernando’s comments, insinuating the brunt of them were directed at him.

“I’ve never attacked anyone personally. I think it’s outrageous to imply that I didn’t treat them fairly. I am absolutely offended by that,” said Dobosz. “I believe that they didn’t treat me fairly. They haven’t told me any plans for the land. I still have no idea what they want to do. That is absolutely not normal, and they can’t apply otherwise.”

If Amazon were to take over the property, many residents fear that the corporation would make use of a 2019 decision that enabled night-flying in and out of the air base. The rule change agreed upon by City Council, anticipating infre-

quent flights by family members of students at nearby academic institutions.

Others fear that large-scale buildings will be constructed 100 feet from their homes, which would decrease property values.

Still yet, others oppose the notion of a large distribution center being built directly between Chicopee Memorial State Park and a residential neighborhood. For residents and elected officials, many reasons exist to oppose the prospective zone change.

Regardless of what WMDC plans to do with the property, it now has ample time to decide its next move. After the council denied the zoning change and the request to withdraw the application, WMDC can do little more than wait for an indefinite period of time.

“This is not a normal applicant, and this is not a normal project,” said Dobosz. “I don’t think we’re required to do anything normal with this. The residents deserve two years to work with the applicant and figure out what’s going on with the land.”

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Mayor John Vieau presents a proclamation to Grand Colleen Ava Baron and her court on Wednesday morning.

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responsible for raising the Irish flag above downtown Chicopee.

Also present were City Treasurer Marie Laflamme, City Collector Stanley Iwanicki, City Councilor-at-Large Gerry Roy and Ward 4 City Councilor George Balakier.

While addressing the crowd, Vieau lamented the loss of both the 2020 and 2021 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, an event during which Chicopee residents annually participate. Vieau vowed to make next year's parade an event that won't soon be forgotten.

"I'm calling next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade a 2020, 2021 and a 2022 parade, because it will be three times bigger and better than it's ever been. We're postponing the parade, but we'll celebrate like we've never done before. That's what we're all waiting for," said Vieau.

Since the nation's first St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in 1762,



[L to R] Colleen Sophie Warren, Grand Colleen Ava Baron, Mayor John Vieau, Colleen Meghan Kalbaugh, Colleen Karoline Kraus and Colleen Caitlin Mogilka pose on St. Patrick's Day.

the annual celebrations have become an American tradition. For centuries, Irish-Americans have contributed significantly to Chicopee's fabric –

contributions that may well continue for centuries to come.

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receiving somewhere between \$30 and \$40 million."

Vieau thanked U.S. Representative

Richard Neal (D-MA 1st District) for helping to ensure that communities in Western Massachusetts benefit from the relief package. Once awarded funding, the city of Chicopee will look to the U.S.

Department of the Treasury to better discern how the money can be spent.

"My financial team is already looking into that. We have a two-year window," said Vieau. "We're excited because this money is going to be used prudently and wisely to help those residents who live here in the city of Chicopee; the taxpayers,

the stakeholders, everyone included."

COVID-19 – vaccinations could begin soon in Chicopee

Shifting to the presence of COVID-19 in Chicopee, Vieau reported on Tuesday evening that there were 148 active cases in the city. A total of 3,176 residents have recovered from COVID-19 as of March 16 since the start of the pandemic, while 25 have died from the disease.

Last month, it was announced that Chicopee had been approved to launch a municipal COVID-19 vaccination site at the lower level of the RiverMills Senior Center at 5 West Main Street for Chicopee residents only.

Due to a lack of available doses, the

state later encouraged Chicopee to pivot and coordinate a regional vaccination site to also serve residents of Holyoke, Granby and South Hadley.

While the Castle of Knights on Memorial Drive was chosen to hold a regional Chicopee clinic, the state has yet to approve the site or operation, as doses remain unavailable.

Chicopee's Vaccine Task Force is working diligently to prepare a functional site, but the future of a regional operation in Chicopee remains uncertain. Frustration is lingering.

"Chicopee has not been counted out yet," said Vieau. "Capacity can be created, but dosage is the problem. We keep waiting and waiting."

The Chicopee Council on Aging has taken the lead on connecting eligible residents with first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines at sites outside the city.

COA Executive Director Sherry Manyak spoke during Vieau's briefing, reporting that the COA is working with thousands of residents, attempting to land them doses.

Vieau clarified that there are two CVS Pharmacy locations in the city offering federal doses of COVID-19 vaccines; federal doses are distributed separately from state-allocated vaccines.

In Chicopee, a number of offices are working hand-in-hand with residents, attempting to steer them in the direction of vaccines. In addition to the COA, the Mayor's Office, Treasurer's Office and Chicopee Public Library are also putting forth an effort.

"The main number is the COA, but we have a lot of staff working to help people through this," said Vieau, adding that the COA can be reached at (413) 534-3698.

Chicopee's municipal COVID-19 testing site remains active on Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon at the upper level of the RiverMills Senior Center. Vieau said he wanted to remind residents who test positive for COVID-19 they are mandated to quarantine for at least 10 days.

"The only thing we can say and hope is that more vaccine becomes available in Massachusetts and works its way down the Mass. Pike to Chicopee," said Vieau.

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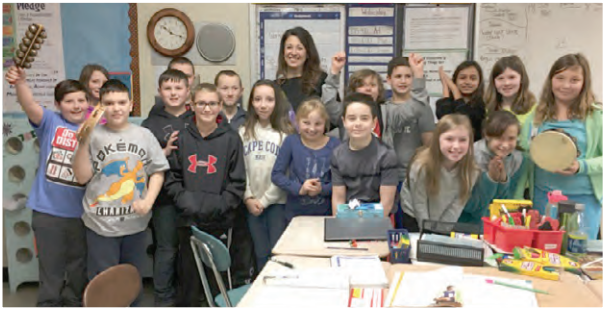
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Chicopee teams prepare for spring gridiron



Jason Lazado gets ready to make a pass for the Pacers.



The Chicopee football team works on tackling at practice. Chicopee starts the season Saturday at Palmer.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



The Comp football team practices on the turf earlier this week.

CHICOPEE — The Chicopee High and Chicopee Comprehensive football teams finally took the fields this month after seeing the season delayed from the fall. Both teams are set to open up the season this weekend and will play a six-week campaign.



The Comp football team's linemen work out in practice. Comp host Westfield on Friday afternoon to start the season.

Sectional tournament returns in spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — After a year without any type of high school tournaments due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, a spring tournament is scheduled to take place in 2021.

As of now, it is believed that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will prepare for the traditional three-season format, and that traditional format will include a change to a statewide tournament and the elimination of the sectional tournament.

The 2020-2021 school year was set to be the last year for the sectional tournaments after a vote last year to change the format of the tournament. Now the spring will feature sectional tournaments only following a recent vote by the MIAA.

There was an emphasis to try to bring back a tournament for the spring season after players missed out on an entire season last year and the MIAA did not want that to happen two years in a row.

The entire spring season was delayed multiple times before Gov. Charlie Baker closed down schools in late April for the remainder of the school year. The closure effectively cancelled the sport season as it was deemed not safe to play.

The MIAA thus far has gone with a four-season format, including a bubble or "wedge" season to fit sports in that were not played in the first two seasons. Known as Fall 2, a variety of sports are being played right now, though football is the primary sport being played over the next several weeks. But Belchertown and Monson are also playing basketball. South Hadley and Southwick are among teams playing girls volleyball. Indoor track is also being played. However, there will be no tournaments played during the Fall 2 season, which is set to conclude at the end of April.

The spring season, which usually begins in mid-March and ends in mid-June, will go from the beginning of May with a cut-off of July 3 to finish the season.

In order to limit travel, the MIAA did not want to have the state tournament, and have decided sectional tournaments can take place. As of now, the tournament is set to take place at home fields of higher seeds, with no neutral sites being used. However, with the vaccination effort accelerating, restrictions could lift as the next two months progress, allowing high school sports a bit more freedom.

Spring sports to be played include baseball, softball, boys la-

Quabbin Valley Baseball set to return in 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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SOUTH HADLEY — Last year, COVID-19 concerns caused the cancellation of several adult recreational baseball leagues.

With increasing vaccinations and protocols in place, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, a league for players 28 and over, will return with a full season beginning at the end of April.

League President Eric Castonguay, who also serves as the athletic director at South Hadley High School, held a league-wide meeting on Sunday morning via Zoom to go over changes that will be in place to play the 2021 season and discuss the status of the six teams for the 2021 season.

The six-team league is a strictly Sunday, 10 a.m. league. All games are played at that time for 15 weeks beginning April 25 and ended in mid-Au-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is set to return this season. Sign-ups for the league are ongoing and the league is in need of new players for the 2021 season.

gust. There are Sundays off for the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holiday.

The league was going to attempt a shortened season last year when Massachusetts went through the initial stages of its re-opening plan, but a few

teams dropped out prior to the beginning, effectively cancelling the entire season.

This year, all six teams are back and on board, but there is a need for some new blood into the league.

The league is in need of

about 25 players to fill out the rosters for this year. There are just a few weeks remaining before the league's draft.

Managers and members of the league's board discussed the COVID-19 protocols and field arrangements for the 2021 season.

Due to the restrictions in place in Easthampton, teams will only have limited games at Daley Field at Nonotuck Park. Castonguay announced the remainder of games would be played at South Hadley High School and the Beachgrounds Park, which is also in South Hadley. Booster Field is not available for the league, Castonguay said. Three games are typically played each Sunday. Each team plays their five opponents three times each. Every team makes the playoffs with a football-style format where the lower four seeds play

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MORTGAGEE’S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by RIMOR Properties, LLC to Greenfield Cooperative Bank dated December 12, 2016 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21485, Page 381, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of April, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 34 Beverly Street, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

“The land in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts situated on 34 Beverly Street with the building thereon and being known and designated as Lot #57 (fifty-seven) on plan of Chandler Slope recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans R, Page 86.

Said Lot #57 (fifty-seven) is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Northerly line of Beverly Street at the Southwesterly corner of Lot #56 (fifty-six) on said plan, and running thence

NORTHEASTERLY along said Lot #56 (fifty-six), one hundred (100’) feet to Lot #48 (forty-eight) on said plan; thence

NORTHWESTERLY along said Lot #48 (forty-eight), fifty (50’) feet to Lot #58 (fifty-eight) on said plan; thence

SOUTHWESTERLY along said Lot #58 (fifty-eight), one hundred (100’) feet to Beverly Street; and thence

SOUTHEASTERLY along said Beverly Street, fifty (50’) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor herein by deed of Diane E. Adamson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Eva D. Daviau recorded simultaneously herewith.”

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder’s sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE:

TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier’s check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price in connection with the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier’s check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith at which time the purchaser shall also pay directly to the auctioneer a buyer’s premium equal to five percent (5%) of the purchase price. The purchaser at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

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“The land in Chicopee, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Situated on the northerly side of Front Street. Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the land herein conveyed on said street and thence running

NORTHERLY on land formerly of William Ritter one hundred sixty and 82/100 (160.82) feet to land now or formerly of Sarah A. Woodworth; thence

WESTERLY on last named land on a line parallel to said Front Street seventy-nine (79) feet to land now or formerly of said Woodworth; thence

SOUTHERLY on last named land on a line parallel to the first mentioned line one hundred sixty and

82/100 (160.82) feet to said Front Street; and thence
EASTERLY
on said street seventy-nine (79) feet to the point of beginning.

Hereby also conveying all of our right, title and interest, if any, in and to the parcel of land situated on the Easterly side of Chase Place and the Westerly side of the above described parcel and shown on a plan of Lots owned by Eleanor W. Hale, dated January 1910, filed at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 2, Page 205.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the MORTGAGOR by deed of CJK Realty, LLC dated January 5, 2018 and recorded simultaneously herewith.”

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder’s sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

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CHICOPEE CITY
COUNCIL ZONING
COMMITTEE
LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 6:30 PM*** in the Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under 275-52 (B) (11) for the purpose of a home occupation permit to legally produce baked goods such as cakes and cookies in a residential kitchen located at 64 McCarthy Avenue. Applicant – Jessica Carrano, 64 McCarthy Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

***COVID-19:** Pursuant to the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A due to the novel Coronavirus outbreak, the March 31, 2021 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. As required, alternative public access to this hearing shall be provided in the following manner: The hearing will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Anyone wishing to participate either in person in the Chambers or remotely shall, provide notice to the Office of the City Council by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov by March 29, 2021. Those giving such notice will need to identify the public hearing and provide their name, address and contact phone number to minimize the potential for zoom bombing of the meeting and if attending in person to be screened as required by the City of Chicopee.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 03/12, 03/19/2021

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Special Permit application under 275-50 (A) (1) (g) (1) for the purpose of an off-premise, non-accessory sign (also defined as a billboard) for the Leadfoot Brewing located at 30 Buckley Blvd. and any needed waivers under 275-50 (A) (1). Request the following waivers:

1. A waiver from 275-50.A (1) (g) (1) (a) – To waive the requirement for a billboard to not be located within 1,500 feet of a park or the main building entrance of a school or church.

2. A waiver from 275-50.A (1)(g) (1) (b) – To waive the requirement for a billboard to not be located within 500 feet of residentially zoned land.

3. A waiver from 275-62 (D) – To waive the requirement that a freestanding sign may be allowed for each building set back as least 25 feet.

Applicant – Leadfoot Brewing LLC, Patrick Randall, 4 John Lane, South Hadley, MA 01075.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE’S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 54 Alfred Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by George A. Taylor and Genevieve A. Taylor to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B. and now held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, said mortgage dated June 22, 2006, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 16007 at Page 423, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 29, 2009, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 18015 at Page 528, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 22, 2017, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 22036 at Page 278, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 28, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in

Book 22356 at Page 597, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **April 2, 2021, at 11:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Chicopee, Hampden County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said premises are shown as Lot 18 on a plan of land drawn of Section a, Mountainview Acres recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 57, Pages 65 and 66.

Subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, rights, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way, covenants, provisions, orders, takings and agreements of record, and as set forth in deeds, in so far as the same are in force and applicable.

For Grantor’s title see Deed recorded at book 3243, Page 324.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated February 23, 1967, and recorded in Book 3243 at Page 324 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

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Attorney for Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 18-02970
03/12, 03/19, 03/26/2021

Community Outreach
Meeting Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM at 77 Champion Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020**. The proposed Medical & Adult-Use Marijuana Cultivator & Product Manufacturer is anticipated to be located at **77 Champion Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020**. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. 03/19, 03/26/2021

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

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Special Permit application under 275-72 for the purpose of the establishment of an Adult Use of Marijuana – Marijuana retailer – License Group B located at 1269 Memorial Drive. Applicant – JimBuddy’s Rec Shop, Inc., James Robinson, 30 Vadnais Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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INVITATION FOR BID CHICOPEE ELECTRIC LIGHT 725 FRONT STREET, CHICOPEE, MA 01020 BID NO. CEL 21-0490

ISSUE DATE: March 18, 2021

Sealed proposals are accepted for: **“15 KV URD/ MOLDED PRODUCTS (ANNUAL BID)”**

BID OPENING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: **APRIL 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM** at Chicopee Electric Light, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN DUPLICATE. PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENTITLED 1.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS.

Bid documents are available at the business office located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

The Vendor/Contractor

shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity” and of Chapter 164 Sec. 56D as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Municipal Light Board, is in the best interest of the Municipal Lighting Plant.

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BID NUMBER: CEL 21-0490

TITLE: “15 KV URD/ MOLDED PRODUCTS (ANNUAL BID)”

Natalie Colberg Purchasing

03/19/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600

Docket No. HD21P0327EA Estate of: Irene A. Brodacki Date of Death: April 10, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Claudette I. Brodacki-Ravosa of West Springfield, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Claudette I. Brodacki-Ravosa of West Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 03/19/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD21C0042CA In the matter of: Eloisa Mussenden CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Eloisa Mussenden of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Eloiza Mussenden IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/14/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 10, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
03/19/2021

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Special Permit application under 275-40 (G) for the purpose of reduction in required number of parking spaces from 18 to 16 spaces located at 675 Fuller Road. Applicant - Mike Laser Enterprises, LLC, c/o David LaVenture, 428 East Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City

Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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in the first week of the playoffs and the winners meeting the top two seeds in the semifinals.

Castonguay explained while the gameplay itself will be largely the same, a number of “habits” will need to be changed in order for the league to safely be played.

First, like many sports, masks are required to be worn while involved in the game or on the benches. Benches will need to be spread out in order to allow for social distancing. Mask breaks can take place up the foul lines with proper distance from all players, Castonguay said.

Last summer, umpires who did high school and adult baseball in other leagues called balls and strikes from behind the pitcher’s mound. Castonguay said umpires voted recently to have an umpire

back behind the plate.

Other habits being curtailed for the start of the season are the acts of spitting, spitting pumpkin or sunflower seeds, and the removal of all garbage from playing fields.

“Fields are not providing garbage cans,” said Castonguay. “So whatever we bring in, we have to take with us.”

The league may issues trash bags to teams so trash can be bagged and taken away by the players after games.

The modifications will be in place for the start of the season, but could change as the season goes on depending on the pace of vaccinations and when the governor lifts various restrictions.

The cost to play in the league this season is \$192.51 and registration can be found at www.quabbINVALLEYbaseball.org. The league draft is set for April 11 at 10 a.m. at a location to be determined.

SPRING TOURNEY from page 7

crosse, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys track, girls track, and boys volleyball. Wrestling is also scheduled to take place this spring.

One other caveat to the spring modifications is that teams eliminated from postseason play, can play

games against other non-qualifiers through the end of the spring season.

Spring teams are used to a rushed season due to the typical unpredictable end to the winter and conditions on fields. However, with the spring sports beginning in May, field conditions should be ideal to begin games as soon as teams are ready.

HAMILTON from page 4

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more perfect union.

Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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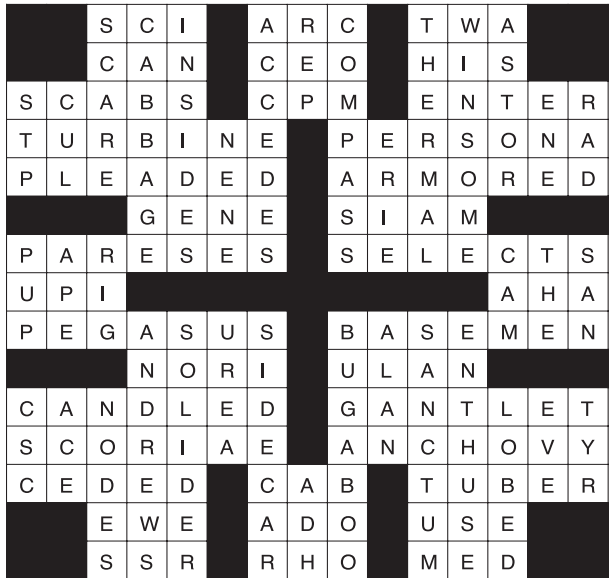
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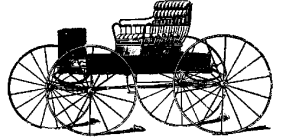
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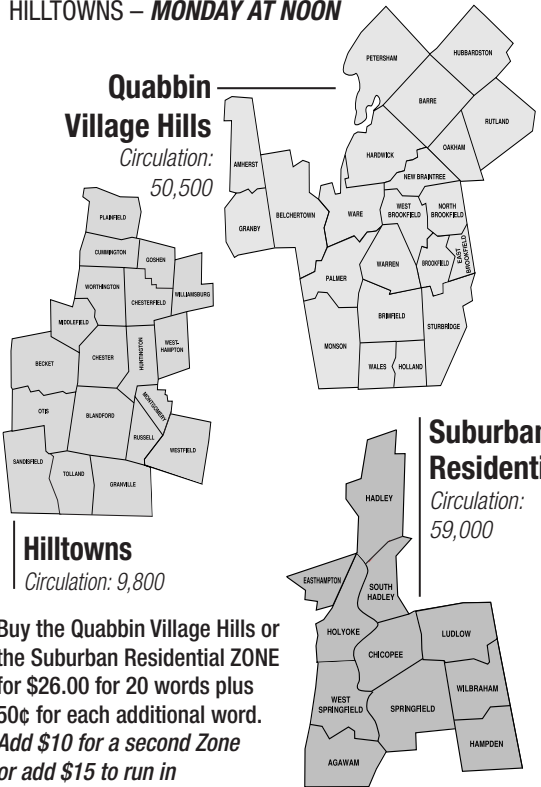
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Beta Zeta at large chapter will host virtual Scholarship Day

REGION – The Beta Zeta at large chapter of the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau International will present a virtual Scholarship Day 2021 on Wednesday, April 7.

The chapter includes members from the nursing programs at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, American International College, Elms

College, and Westfield State University. Dr. Betty Rambour, PhD, RN, FAAN is the keynote speaker and her topic is “Health Care Reform: Rhetoric and Realities of the 2020 Election in an Era of COVID-19.”

Dr. Rambour is a professor and Rothier Endowed Chair for Practice at the University of Rhode Island and has been

a national and impactful leader in health policy and health reform for 25 years.

Opening remarks will be done by Mary Ellen Burke, President of Beta Zeta at large chapter at 8:15 a.m. The keynote address will be from 8:30-10 a.m. There will be poster presentations in the break out rooms and podium presenta-

tions after the keynote address.

Registration is free this year and register on the Beta Zeta at large website: <http://betazeta.nursingsociety.org>

Since 2010, a collection of food items at registration for the Margaret’s Pantry, Providence Ministries in Holyoke has been our community service project. This year, consid-

er a monetary donation to the food bank at the Providence Ministries.

All members are invited to attend the Annual Chapter Meeting after Scholarship Day 2021.

The mission of Sigma is to develop nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere.

COLLEGE NEWS

Emerson College announces Dean’s List honorees for Fall 2020 semester

BOSTON – The following students have been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Fall 2020 semester. The requirement to make Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Laura Bertrand of Chicopee. Major - Theatre and Performance. Class of 2022.

Madison Langlois of Chicopee. Major - Business Creative Enterprises. Class of 2021.

Steps for Stawasz: Fundraising walk in remembrance of WNE University’s Dave Stawasz

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University faculty, colleagues, family members, and students are invited to participate in a commemorative event in memory of Assistant Vice President of Marketing Communications Dave Stawasz, 51, who peacefully passed away on Jan. 28 surrounded by his family after a courageous two-year battle with Stage IV colorectal cancer.

Dave was a graduate of South Hadley High School and Syracuse University. His early career was as a news producer at WWLP and then later at WFSB. He joined the University in 2004, where he most recently

acted as the Assistant Vice President for Marketing Communications at the University.

“During his cancer battle, Dave taught us so much about courage, perseverance, and love, all of which were pinnacles of who Dave was,” said Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing Bryan Gross. “As a beloved member of our University family, we want to honor his distinguished memory as well as support his wife and daughters, who meant everything to him.”

Dave was a loving family man and committed husband to his wife of 25 years, Lisa, and the proud father of his two

daughters, Paige and Kristen. Both of his daughters are currently enrolled as undergraduate students at colleges in the New England region and there was nothing that Dave valued more than being a part of their small and large life milestones.

Steps for Stawasz is a virtual walk taking place throughout the month of April in honor of Dave. Participants will log as many virtual steps as they can during the month by either walking or running while collecting donations along the way through friends and family sponsorships. By signing up, participants will receive a link to share on social media. From

there, participants can create a personal giving page to collect donations and update progress. Details and instructions can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Springfield/Stawasz>.

Interested individuals can also make a direct donation on the website without participating in the walk. All proceeds will go directly to the Stawasz family.

In true Golden Bear spirit, Dave’s friends from the Western New England University Enrollment Management and Marketing Division invite everyone to participate. For more information, email stepsforstawasz@gmail.com.

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